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Prior Application:

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For:

DATABASE PROCESSING SYSTEM, METHOD, PROGRAM AND PROGRAM STORAGE DEVICE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents
MS: Patent Application
P.O. Box 1450

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February 24, 2004

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/645,543, filed on August 25, 2000, entitled DATABASE PROCESSING SYSTEM, METHOD, PROGRAM AND PROGRAM STORAGE DEVICE, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

- Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.
 - 2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee									\$	770.00
Total Claims	13	-	20	=	0	x	18	=	\$	0.00
Independent Claims	10	-	3	=	7	\mathbf{x}	86	=	\$	602.00
Total Filing Fee									\$1	1372.00

- 3. A credit card payment form including the amount of \$1372.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.
- 4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.
- New drawings are enclosed, nine (9) sheets, Figs. 1 The drawings include corrections approved in the prior application.
- 6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

- 7. The prior application is assigned to HITACHI, LTD.
- 8. Priority of the following Japanese Application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 2000-154335, filed May 22, 2000.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/645,543 as originally filed on August 25, 2000.

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